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For: **NON-GLYCOSYLATED POLYACRYLAMIDE CONJUGATES AND THEIR USE FOR
CYTOPROTECTION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as delineated below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.